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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 15 December 1951, the Artillerie Kaserne on the island in the Oder River at Kuestrin (O 53/V 66) still quartered an AAA unit with 37-mm AA guns and vehicles and an AAA unit with 76.2-mm guns and vehicles. The only activities noticed were drill with 37-mm AA guns at the field west of the installation, and drill with 76.2-mm AA guns at the field east of the installation. The gun drill west of the installation included aiming practice at dummy aircraft and at a training tank. The construction of emplacements on either side of the railroad line was started in mid-November, but ended north of the railroad line by early December. Six emplacements were completed south of the railroad line by 15 December. None of the emplacements contained guns.

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2. A German employee, recently discharged stated that 2 lieutenant colonels wearing gold epaulets with red stripes and artillery insignia, 1 lieutenant colonel wearing silver epaulets with red stripes, 1 major wearing gold epaulets with red stripes and artillery insignia and 1 major wearing silver epaulets with red stripes came daily to the Artillerie Kaserne to take their meals. Truck and vehicles were identified in the billeting area. *

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- * Comment. The report confirms the Artillerie Kaserne on the Oderinsel as quartering one light and one heavy AAA regiment of the 32d (?) AAA Div. The AA gun emplacements south of the railroad line were previously reported. The emplacements may serve training purposes and, in case of war, the protection of the railroad bridge across the Oder River.

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